

4. (Amended) The coating agent according to claim 1, further comprising an organic pigment, a dispersant and a solvent.

5. (Amended) The coating agent according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is an organic group having unsaturated double bond.

6. (Amended) The coating agent according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a vinyl or γ -methacryloxypropyl group, R² is methyl or ethyl group,

R³ is ethyl, methyl, isopropyl or butyl group, and M is Ti, Zr or Al.--

Please add the following claims.

22. (New) The coating agent according to Claim 1, wherein R¹ is a polymerizable organic group having a ring-opening cyclic group.

23. (New) The coating agent according to claim 1, wherein compound (1) is at least one member selected from the group consisting of vinyl trimethoxysilane, vinyl triethoxysilane, and γ -methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane.--

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 3-6 have been amended in order to remove multiple dependencies. New Claims 22-23 are added. Support for the new claims can be found at page 6, lines 15-37, of the specification. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendment.